

REMARKS

This Amendment responds to the office action dated December 8, 2006.

The examiner has objected to the oath and declaration. Applicant is in the process of obtaining a new declaration and will submit that declaration to the U.S.P.T.O. when proper signatures are obtained.

The examiner has rejected claims 18-20 and 23 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Ho (7,068,633) in view of Perreault et al. (5,596,577).

Claims 18-20 and 23 have been cancelled.

The examiner has rejected claim 21 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Ho (7,068,633) and Perreault et al. (5,596,577) in view of Myles et al. (6,879,579).

Claim 21 has been cancelled.

The examiner has objected to claim 22, but has indicated that claim 22 would be allowable if put in independent form.

Claim 22 has been cancelled, however, new claim 25 comprises the limitations of claim 18 on which claim 22 was dependent and the limitations of claim 22. Therefore, new claim 25 represents claim 22 in independent form.

Claims 17 and 24 are allowable in their current form. However, claim 17 has been amended slightly to correct a misspelled word. "Compromises" was changed to "comprises." Accordingly, the claim is captioned as "currently amended."

Based on the foregoing amendments and remarks, the Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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